

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention provides a sewing apparatus in which a thread cassette holding a needle thread wound is used, comprising a cassette mount to which the thread cassette is detachably attached, a carrier carrying the thread cassette between an attachment start position and an attachment finish position in the cassette mount, and a control device for electrically controlling the carrier.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a preferred form, the sewing apparatus further comprises a supporting member for supporting the thread cassette, and the carrier includes a contact member brought into contact with the thread cassette or the supporting member and a driver for moving or rotating the contact member. Furthermore, the control device controls the driver so that the contact member is moved or rotated in a predetermined direction for ~~ejection~~insertion of the thread cassette ~~from~~into the cassette mount.